



## APPENDIX

## State and Regional Data: Selected Mean Values

**S**EVERAL SETS OF DATA in the main body of this presentation were median values. (A median is the point where half the observations are less and half more – in other words, the midpoint.)

Another statistical average is the arithmetic mean – observations weighted by their size – which many people think of when they use the word “average.” The mean can be misleading when a few cases are found far from the midpoint; such cases can sometimes deceptively raise or lower the mean. On the other hand, because it is weighted, a mean can be manipulated mathematically, while a median cannot. Therefore, means are handy for many analytical purposes, and that is why the following table is included.

Mean Values

Area	Household Income	House Value	Monthly Rent	Commute Time
State	\$53,645	\$172,985	\$571	23 minutes
North Sound	\$45,015	\$179,388	\$546	22 minutes
West Balance	\$42,121	\$126,714	\$450	20 minutes
King County	\$62,532	\$228,131	\$666	24 minutes
Other Puget Metro	\$55,093	\$169,812	\$554	28 minutes
Clark County	\$53,012	\$172,121	\$549	24 minutes
East Balance	\$48,426	\$135,416	\$451	16 minutes
Spokane County	\$44,585	\$125,399	\$506	19 minutes
Yakima-Tri-Cities	\$45,833	\$123,696	\$411	17 minutes